



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Situation Report Winter Storm Event/High Winds Event February 18, 2009 10:30 am

UPDATED INFORMATION IN BOLD

SUMMARY

A cold front on January 26th, mixing with Gulf moisture, created hazardous weather conditions. High winds on February 11th caused additional damage in southern Missouri. There have been eight fatalities associated with the storm. Six people were killed in traffic accidents. Two more people died in New Madrid County from carbon monoxide poisoning while operating a generator in their garage. **All shelter activities have ceased.**

Officials report most power outages have been restored.

Governor Nixon directed SEMA to activate the State Emergency Operations Center and signed an Executive Order activating the Missouri National Guard for State Emergency Duty. On January 30th, the President approved Gov. Nixon's request for emergency assistance. On February 6th, Governor Nixon sent a letter to the President asking for disaster assistance in 22 impacted counties. Nixon signed Executive Order 09-07, authorizing DNR's Director to waive certain restrictions related to debris disposal, open burning and wastewater, on January 30, 2009 and effective until March 31, 2009. **On February 17th, Governor Nixon received a Major Disaster Declaration from the Federal Government covering 20 counties.**

Power outages - Utilities:

Missouri Electric Cooperatives –Cooperatives are reporting approximately 100 customers without power. Most outages are repaired.

Missouri Public Utilities Alliance - Under 100 customers remain without power in Kennett.

Counties/Cities Reports:

Dunklin County – Officials report power has been fully restored to all cities. All Boil Water Orders have been lifted. All schools are now open.

New Madrid County – Officials report a 59-year-old woman and a 15-year-old girl died from carbon monoxide poisoning from running a generator in the garage at their house. The EOC has returned to normal operations. Officials' report schools are back in session.

Pemiscot County – All schools are back in session. **Officials report power is mostly restored.**

Stoddard County – All schools are back in session. **Officials reported most all power outages are restored in the County.**

State Agencies:

ESF-1 Transportation - Missouri Department of Transportation reports all roads are open. MoDOT has extended an Emergency Declaration 09-01 for carriers operating in emergency relief efforts in our state.

ESF-2 Communications – MSHP and PSC are standing by for any issues that occur.

ESF-3 Public Works – DNR/Water is working to assist local jurisdictions with their water utility system issues. They have issued information on disinfecting water and sending water flushing/boiling guidance to southeast Missouri schools.

ESF-4/9 Fire/Search and Rescue - Standing by for requests.

ESF-5 Emergency Management - SEMA is at level-two activation and will operate the State EOC from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. daily until further notice.

ESF-6 Human Services - Department of Social Services and partners -- American Red Cross, Salvation Army, AmeriCorps, United Way 211, Humane Society and others -- are continuing to serve several communities in the affected area. **All shelter activities have ceased.**

The Multi-Agency Resource Centers (MARC)s registered more than 2,069 people.

ESF-7 Logistics –As generators are being freed up, they are being reassigned or returned.

ESF- 8 Public Health – Department of Health and Senior Services is standing by for requests Dept. of Mental Health (DMH) is assisting local healthcare providers as needed. Disaster-related fact sheets are on DMH website.

ESF-10 Hazardous Materials – DNR-EER is monitoring the situation and will respond if needed. Looking into debris management issues.

ESF-11 Agriculture – Dept. of Agriculture is standing by for requests.

ESF-12 Energy – DNR Energy is standing by for requests

ESF-13 Public Safety – Missouri State Highway Patrol are assisting as needed.

ESF-14 Long Term Recovery – DNR/Parks mobilized crews into New Madrid and Mississippi Counties to begin restoration/recovery efforts at one historical site and one state park. Both locations were damaged in the storm and are without power.

ESF-15 Public Affairs – A two-page Citizen Disaster Information Flyer has been prepared and is now posted on the SEMA homepage.

ESF-16 Missouri National Guard – MONG has its citizen-soldiers assisting with the disaster response effort.

ESF-17 Animal Welfare – A Humane Society of Missouri survey team is in southeast Missouri to assist local jurisdictions. 196 animals rescued to date. Most of the animals have been returned to their owners. A few others are still being cared for until power has been restored to homes of their owners.

Volunteer Agencies:

United Way – 211 – Requests are coming in for replacement food funding and cleanup assistance, electrical weather head, food, water, and home damage should call United Way 211. They have received over 870 plus calls to date.

American Red Cross – Assisting where requested at this time.

AmeriCorps Volunteers – They are standing by for requests and assisting where needed with approximately **17 AmeriCorps Volunteers** working this disaster throughout the area.

Salvation Army – The Salvation Army is assisting with on-going requests, and provided support to the Multi-Agency Resource Centers.

Weather:

Temperatures this morning will be in the high 40s and low 50s, but will be dropping throughout the day. Light rain with snow flurries are possible later this afternoon. Next precipitation will be Friday night into Saturday morning; this could be a rain event with snow and lower temps for Saturday.

Point of Contact:

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. daily. Emergency calls after hours can be made to the Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.